

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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The C-17 Globemaster III Transport Jet, which is manufactured by Boeing at its Long Beach facility, is a key component of our nation's ability to effectively deploy strategic military assets in critical locations around the world in an efficient manner. The C-17 is the last wide-bodied military aircraft in the country and has performed brilliantly in both the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, is crucial to fight terrorism around the globe, and has conducted countless humanitarian missions.

Under the current order, the last C-17 is estimated to be completed in August 2009, and without additional orders, the C-17 line will close. This will put at risk 5,500 Boeing jobs at the Long Beach facility and over 5,300 Boeing supplier jobs associated with the production of the C-17. The C-17 program is vital to the economies of the City of Long Beach and the County of Los Angeles.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim April 19, 2008, "C-17 Day" throughout the County of Los Angeles to honor this plane, the women and men who build it, and the women and men who fly it in support of our nation; and
2. Support the continuation of the C-17 Globemaster III program and urge the United States Congress to authorize and appropriate funding to continue the C-17 program.

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